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SUBJECT: NORMALIZATION OF US-CONGOLESE RELATIONS

1. CONGOLESE UN REP, ON INSTRUCTIONS OF BRAZZAVILLE GOVT, HAS PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS WITH US ON RESUMPTION OF FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. DEPT INTENDS TO RESPOND POSITIVELY AND TO PROPOSE THAT US DIPLOMATIC OFFICIAL BE ASSIGNED TO CONSTITUTE US INTERESTS SECTION GERMAN EMBASSY BRAZZAVILLE WITH AUTHORITY TO TRANSACT ALL GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT BUSINESS INCLUDING DISCUSSION OF RESUMPTION FULL DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATION.

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2. RE-OPENING AND STAFFING US EMBASSY WOULD DEPEND ON OUR

BEING SATISFIED CONDITIONS APPROPRIATE FOR DOING SO;
WHILE TIME REQUIRED FOR THIS OBVIOUSLY IMPOSSIBLE TO
PREDICT NOW, WE WOULD HOPE ASSIGNMENT OF US REP TO GERMAN
EMBASSY WOULD BE ONLY INTERIM STEP OF LIMITED DURATION.

3. REQUEST EMBASSY BONN INFORM FRG OF STATUS THIS
MATTER ALONG LINES ABOVE AND SEEK EXPEDITIOUS AGREEMENT
TO OUR ASSIGNING OFFICER TO GERMAN EMBASSY BRAZZAVILLE.
WE WOULD THEN PROPOSE THIS ARRANGEMENT TO CONGOLESE AND,
IF THEY ARE AGREEABLE, HAVE US EMBASSY KINSHASA PROCEED TO

WORK OUT LOGISTICS WITH FRG REPS KINSHASA AND BRAZZAVILLE.
FRG SHOULD ALSO BE ADVISED OF OUR DESIRE TO KEEP THIS
MATTER CONFIDENTIAL UNTIL AGREEMENT REACHED WITH
CONGOLESE. KISSINGER UNQTE MAW

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